GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5959
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
SETTING UP OF LOWER COURTS AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up lower courts at the panchayat level or to ensure regular sitting of judges of district courts at the panchayat level for prompt settlement of petty disputes;

(b) if so. the time by which such courts are likely to be started: and

(c) if not. the alternative arrangements made by the Government for the speedy settlement of village level disputes at less expenditure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Law Commission in its 154th Report has recommended that the States should enact legislation on Nyaya Panchayats to suit their local needs and conditions. The Andhra Pradesh Mandala Nyaya Panchayats Bill, 1995 may be adopted as a model on the composition, powers and jurisdiction of the Nyaya Panchayats. The recommendation of the Law Commission has been forwarded to all the State Govemments/U.T. administrations for taking appropriate action.